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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from Stendal

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 30 October 1953

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 26 November 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 30 October 1953, the Taunentzien Kaserne in Stendal was occupied by about 1,000 troops with engineer, signal and motor transport insignia. All quarters were lighted at dusk. On 25 October, 8 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were reeling up cables in the training area. On 26 October, pontoons were painted and carpenter's and joiner's work was performed in the north section of the installation. The vehicles of a motor vehicle column were sheltered in a garage.

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2. on 30 October, the Borstel Fliegerhorst was occupied by about 2,000 troops. Source determined an AT unit equipped with 100-mm AT guns, a unit with about 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers, a signal unit and air force personnel. On 25 October, source determined that 2 temporary buildings were under construction and 15 troops were preparing an AAA emplacement.

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3. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 October, a shipment of 9 flatcars with sideracks and 1 boxcar was being unloaded in Stendal. The shipment included trucks, 2 tank trucks and 1 tank trailer. Troops involved in the unloading wore black-bordered GRIMSON epaulets.

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Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the installations mentioned over a report of mid-October . The signal unit in the Borstel Fliegerhorst may be identical with the unidentified signal battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, which, so far, has been assumed in the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne or the Hindenburg Kaserne, or the 977th Sig Bn of the LXIII Mtz Rifle Corps, which was vaguely indicated in the Taunentzien Kaserne. The latter possibility appears more probable.

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